GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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WITHDRAWAL OF FLIGHTS FROM CALCUTTA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Indian and Foreign flights have been withdrawn from Calcutta airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have made any attempt to reverse this decision;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to introduce new international flights or persue foreign flights to fly from Calcutta; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c) and (d) : Air India have discontinued their services between Calcutta and Tokyo from March, 2000, as a part of their route rationalisation plan. Indian Airlines have however, increased their frequencies to Bangkok from Calcutta providing convenient connections to Tokyo.

(e) and (f) : The Government has been adopting a liberal policy in offering Calcutta as a point of call to foreign airlines. The actual operations are, however, left to the commercial judgement of the airlines.